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September 30, 2005

Mr. Rahe Junge  
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2754 Compass Drive, Suite 280  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81506-8788

Subject: Unreclaimed Surface Facilities, Umetco Minerals, Wilson/Silverbell Mine, M/037/027, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Junge:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is continuing to process your application to replace the Board Contract with a corporate surety and to receive partial or complete release from further reclamation requirements at the Wilson/Silverbell and Deremo/Peterson Mines. We apologize for the delay in responding to your proposal.

On August 18, 2005, Division inspector Paul Baker visited the Wilson/Silverbell Mine and found two facilities that had not been reclaimed, a well and a compressor, both enclosed in buildings. One of the surface facilities maps in the Division's file indicates the compressor is associated with a vent shaft. The compressor was on a concrete pad, so if the shaft is still there, it is under the pad.

While the Division approved leaving certain facilities on the east side of the mine for the use of the land owner, Owen Poole, we have been unable to find any record that you were allowed to leave the well and the compressor.

Please provide any available information about these facilities. Can you provide a request from the land owner to leave them for a postmining land use? Do you have any records indicating the Division approved leaving the well and the compressor? Was there a vent shaft associated with the compressor, and, if so, has it been reclaimed?

This information will assist us in preparing the findings we must make to release your bond, and we hope to have these completed very soon. Thank you for



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your assistance and cooperation. Please call Paul Baker at 801-538-5261 if you have questions about the information needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan M. White". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Susan M. White  
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